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SUBJECT: UNION LEADERS REQUEST MEETING WITH ANDREOTTI IN MID-SEPTEMBER

1. FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU) ON SEPTEMBER 6, CISL SECRETARY GENERAL BRUNO STORTI ANNOUNCED THE UNIONS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS CCU-GOI SUMMIT MEETINGS THE UNIONS DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN A GENERAL /TOUR D'HORIZON/ BUT TO ADDRESS A SERIES OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. THE MOST URGENT THEMES ARE: A) IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW 183 REGARDING JOB CREATING INVESTMENTS IN ITALY'S SOUTH; B) ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR INDUSTRIAL RECONVERSION AND EXPANSION IN THE SOUTH; C) ADOPTION OF A SPECIAL JOB CREATING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. THE CCU SECRETARIAT ALSO MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF

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CONTROLLING INFLATION AND UNION INTEREST IN FISCAL

REFORM ESPECIALLY REGARDING TAX EVASION.

2. EMPHASIZING THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNIONS TO WORK WITH ANDREOTTI, CGIL SECRETARY GENERAL LUCIANO LAMA SAID THE NEW GOVERNMENT "HAS STARTED OUT ON THE RIGHT FOOTING; IS IS NOW NECESSARY TO DEFINE THE APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR RENEWING THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC POLICIES". UIL SECRETARY GENERAL RAFFAELE VANNI REITERANTED THE UNION DESIRE NOT TO OPPOSE ANDREOTTI'S EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT: SOCIALIST ELEMENTS WITHIN THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS ARE MORE SCEPTICAL OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT TO SATISFY WORKER DEMANDS FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS THAN THE COMMUNIST AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.BEAUDRY

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